



Fact Sheet

Spouse Ambassador Network

The Spouse Ambassador Network is a committed group of organizations within the Military Spouse Employment Partnership that have community networks and will leverage these networks to broaden knowledge about military spouse career resources in communities where military spouses live and work.

Network highlights

- ✓ *"We rely on the Spouse Ambassador Network to be our conduit to military spouses. These organizations provide vital connections to military spouses in the communities where spouses live and work."*
— C. Eddy Mentzer, associate director for the Department of Defense Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program
- ✓ *Currently, the Spouse Ambassador Network includes **16** member organizations.*



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Military Spouses are highly skilled and dedicated employees in the American workforce. Of the 600,000 plus active-duty military spouses, more than 60 percent are 31 years old or younger.¹ They are tech-savvy, more educated than their civilian counterparts and are resilient and adaptable as they live the mobile military life. Military families relocate, on average, every two to three years, meaning military spouses are often unable to maintain their employment status or establish career tenure, resulting in a 25 percent unemployment rate² and 25 percent wage gap.³ These employment setbacks adversely affect the readiness, retention and well-being of the military community.

Members of the Spouse Ambassador Network are part of a like-minded community of organizations that belong to and support the mission of the Military Spouse Employment Partnership. The partnership connects military spouses with more than 270 partner employers who have committed to recruit, hire, promote and retain military spouses in portable careers. This partnership helps military spouses find employment, build on their education and experience and achieve their career and personal goals.



As a Department of Defense Spouse Education and Career Opportunities initiative, the mission of the Spouse Ambassador Network is to educate, empower and mentor military spouses to encourage career fulfillment by promoting and sharing resources while facilitating effective relationships with local and national stakeholders.

¹ 2013 Demographics Report: Profile of the Military Community, Military OneSource.mil, <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Reports/2013-Demographics-Report.pdf>.

² 2012 Demographics Report, Profile of the Military Community, Military OneSource.mil, http://militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Reports/2012_Demographics_Report.pdf.

³ Kniskern, M.K., & Segal, D.R. (2010), Mean Wage Differences between Civilian and Military Wives, College Park, MD: Center for Research on Military Organization, University of Maryland, College Park, Military OneSource.mil, http://militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Reports/FY2012_Report_MilitaryFamilyReadinessPrograms.pdf.

Community of support

The Spouse Ambassador Network brings a system of support to the communities where spouses live and work. It allows local and national stakeholders to connect with other like-minded groups to form effective relationships and further strengthen the system of support for spouses.

The Network: Educate — Empower — Mentor

Providing support to military spouses is a coordinated effort involving three key players. Each group plays a part to educate, empower and mentor spouses and provides a variety of tools, information and resources.



Find out more

For more information, visit our websites.

MySECO — This website provides military spouses with 24/7 access to online education and career information, resources, tools and assessments. Using the tools and assessments, spouses can begin to explore their interests, skills, passions and personality type to determine the best fit for education and career choices and start to build a portable and meaningful career path. <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/>

The Military Spouse Employment Partnership Career Portal — This website houses job postings with companies and organizations interested in recruiting, hiring, promoting and retaining military spouses in portable careers. The Spouse Resource Center includes resume and interview support, as well as social media and media resources. The website also provides information for companies interested in becoming partners and offers resources for existing partners. <https://msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil/>

Spouse Ambassador Network resource page — This resource page provides information regarding the Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program and the Spouse Ambassador Network. <https://msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil/page/spouse-ambassador-network>

The Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program provides expert education and career guidance to military spouses worldwide. For more information, visit MySECO at <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil>.